Obituaries

Blanche P. Bishop

CONCORD - Blanche P. Bishop of Route 2, Concord, departed this life Thursday afternoon at Lynchburg General Hospital. She was married to the late William Bishop and was a daughter of the late Jasper and Martha Dixon Pettigrew.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Myrna Cook of Bronx, N. Y.; a son, Edward Bishop of New York City; six sisters, Mrs. Ossie Carter, Mrs. Maxine Calloway, Mrs. Elsie French, all of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Estelle Whindellton, Hackensack, N. J., Mrs. Bernice Tweedy, Lynchburg, and Mrs. Helen Govan, Concord; a brother, Louis Pettigrew, Concord; an aunt, Mrs. Ethel Pettigrew of Williamson, N. J.; 10 grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Mount Peeler Baptist Church, with the Rev. T. A. Sandifer officiating. Interment was in Arch Creek cemetery.

Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Carl Thomas Canipe

Mrs. Rosella Babcock Canipe of Route 2, Rustburg, died at her home Thursday. She was the wife of Carl Thomas Canipe.

She was born in Appomattox County, a daughter of the late Thomas Homer Babcock and Lottie Martin Babcock. She was the Commissioner of Revenue of Campbell County from 1971-1975 and she worked as a deputy commissioner in the revenue office for 33 years. She was a member of the Central United Methodist Church in Rustburg.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by five brothers. Dwight M. Babcock and Thomas H. Babcock Jr., both of Rustburg, Charles H. Babcock of Blackstone, Wallace H. Babcock of Richmond and Walter Babcock of Louisa; one sister, Mrs. Frances Nelson of Richmond, and 11 nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday from the Central United Methodist Church by the Rev. David C. Moorefield. Interment was in the Babcock family cemetery, Appomattox County.

Diuguid Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Duane Richard Hartless

GLADSTONE - Duane Richard Hartless, 17, of Alexandria and fromerly of Gladstone, died Friday in Washington, D.C.

He was a plumber's helper with Southern Mechanics Contractors.

He is survived by his mother, Janice Faye Hartless Gowen; his stepfather, Albert Gowen; four half sisters, Darla Pai of Alexandria, Dorothy Holliday, Janet Holliday and Paula Gowen, all of Gladstone; five stepsisters, Bernice Crabtree of Arkansas, Carolyn Tyree, Delores Gowen, Bea Hanoker and Tammy Gowen, all of Gladstone; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gowen of Madison Heights and Mrs. Hattie Gowen of Gladstone.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. from Driskill Funeral Chapel, Amherst, with interment in the family cemetery.

Driskill Funeral Chapel, Amherst was in charge of arrangements.

Henry Edward Nash

GLADYS - Henry Edward Nash, 65, of Route 1, Gladys, died Wednesday afternoon at his residence. He was the husband of Mary Martin Nash.

He was born in Charlotte County, June 22, 1915, and was a son of the late Robert H. Nash and Florence Taylor Nash. He was a member of the Sharon United Methodist Church and a retired farmer.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Gary M. Nash of Gladys, and Larry W. Nash of Brookneal; two daughters, Mrs. Darlene Anderson of Brookneal and Mrs. Geraldine Waller of Gladys; a brother, Hubert Nash of Lynchburg; two sisters, Mrs. Ellie Greenwell of Gladys, and Mrs. Beaulah Saylor of Charlotte Court House; nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Friday at the Sharon United Methodist Church by the Rev. Donald Collins. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Henderson Funeral Home, Brookneal, was in charge of arrangements.

Charlie Samuel Ranson

PAMPLIN - Charlie Samuel Ranson, 72, of Route 1, Pamplin, died Saturday night at his residence. He was the husband of Mary Eisemon Ranson.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late William Frank Ranson and Claudie Dickerson Ranson. He was a member of Rocks Baptist Church, a retired cattle farmer and former owner of Ranson's Home for the Aged in Keysville.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, William C. Ranson Sr., of Teague, Tex.; two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Anne) Ferguson of Appomattox and Mrs. Lawrence (Eleanor) Johnson of Pamplin; five grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Sally R. Evans of Appomattox; two brothers, Mr. James Frank Ranson and Mr. Harry W. Ranson, both of Pamplin, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Rocks Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Clem Hancock O'Brien

Clem Hancock O'Brien, 58, of Route 3, Appomattox, died Saturday in Lynchburg General Hospital. His wife was Rachel Page O'Brien.

He was born in Appomattox County, a son of the late Edward and Nellie Weaver O'Brien. He was retired from the Lynchburg Foundry, a World War II veteran, and a member of New Hope Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, William O'Brien and Calvin Edward O'Brien, both of Appomattox, and Kenneth Ray O'Brien of Loring Air Force Base, Maine; a daughter, Clair Rachel O'Brien of Lynchburg; a brother, Davis O'Brien of Spout Spring; three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Childress and Mrs. Judy Flynn, both of Appomattox, and Mrs. Helen Throll of Indianapolis, Ind., and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday from New Hope Baptist Church by the Rev. Clarence Davis. Burial was in the Clem O'Brien family cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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BABY OF THE WEEK

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No leads in Concord murder

There have been no new developments in the slaying of Daniel McKinley ("Sport") Wooldridge, according to the Campbell County Sheriff's Department.

Wooldridge, 61, who lived with his 89 year old mother near Carson's Store at Route 2, Concord, was shot once through the jaw and died instantly when he answered a knock at his door at approximately 8 p.m. Friday of last week.

According to Campbell County Sheriff Page E. Sowell, as of press time Tuesday, no motive had been established for the killing and no suspects had been arrested.

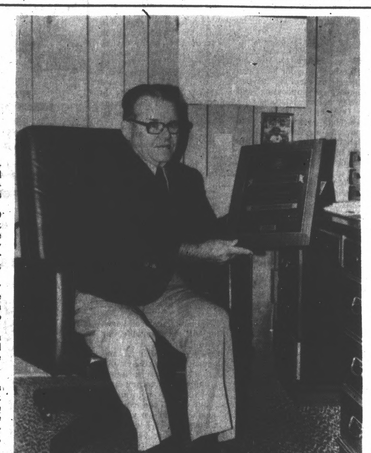
Sowell, who said the weapon used in the slaying was most likely a small caliber pistol or revolver, activated the Regional Homicide Investigation Squad early Saturday morning.

The squad, formed in the mid-1970's, is composed of law enforcement officers from the Lynchburg Police Department, the Bedford City Police Department, and the Sheriff's departments from the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell.

Investigation is continuing with the questioning of individuals who might offer information leading to the identity of the killer.

Honored as 'Outstanding Citizen'

Profile: Bill Dudley



WILLIAM C. DUDLEY holds plaque he received last week from the Woodmen of the World honoring him as Outstanding Citizen.

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

William C. Dudley, who retired Oct. 1 as assistant supervisor of agricultural education in the Virginia Department of Education was awarded the Outstanding Citizens Plaque by Cecil Deaner, President of Camp 71, Woodmen of the World.

The presentation was made as part of the 1980 Annual Awards night Nov. 24 in the WOW building.

Dudley, 65, was born in Montgomery County in a community called Belmont located approximately four and one-half miles from Christiansburg and approximately five miles from Blacksburg. Following graduation from Christiansburg High School, he attended Virginia Tech where he earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural education. He later received a master's degree from the University of Virginia.

Dudley taught vocational education in Amherst County for five years. He then became teacher of agriculture in the Appomattox and Pamplin High Schools where he taught until 1946. In April of 1946 he was appointed area supervisor of agricultural education for Southside Virginia with headquarters at Appomattox.

In 1967 he was named "Man Of The Year In Forestry" by the Virginia Forestry Association. In 1973 the national organization of Future Farmers of America awarded him its highest honor, the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

When asked about the honors he had received, Dudley replied, "This Outstanding Citizen Award means more to me than any other award I have ever received because it comes from my own people here in Appomattox.

"I am the oldest of four children," said Dudley as he spoke of his early life. "We lived on a livestock farm. My father died when I was only eight years of age. Imagine a lady, living in the depression years, keeping a family going alone. I can't give my mother too much credit. We had the help of supportive aunts and uncles; we couldn't have made it if we hadn't worked together."

Always interested in sports and the out-of-doors, Dudley really had "the breaks", so to speak, when it came to his career as an athlete.

"In college I played football until one leg was broken a second time. It has been broken four times in all; once playing baseball, twice playing football and once as the result of an automobile accident. I guess you might say I've had the breaks'," said Dudley as he spoke of his participation in sports.

"After my football career ended," laughed Dudley, "I was on the Tech livestock judging team."

Dudley, who first joined the Christian Church as a youngster is now a Baptist. He taught a class of primary age children when he was thirteen at the Christian Church. When he moved to Amherst to teach, he joined the Methodist church because there was no Christian church in the area. He joined the Methodist church here in Appomattox when he began teaching here. However, when he met and married the former Margaret Ligon of Pamplin he became a Baptist and joined Elon Baptist Church. He served a deacon, teaches Sunday School, serves as chairman of the pulpit committee and has served as associational officer of the Baptist Association. He has served as moderator of the same organization.

"Since I lived close to Blacksburg," said Dudley as he spoke of the people who had been a guiding force in his life, "I got to know Professor Harry W. Sanders and Professor E. C. Magill. I knew them from childhood up. They were three of the four people who founded the Future Farmers of Virginia in 1926 and in 1928 it became the Future Farmers of America. In a sense I grew up with FFA. Knowing these men and the work they were doing shaped my career a great deal. I was fortunate to know them."

"I had a goal to go through elementary school and high school and never miss a day or be late. I made it too! I received a $5.00 gold piece as a reward. You know, a month after I received it, the government called in all the gold pieces and I had to give it up!" said Dudley with a laugh.

Since he underwent a serious heart attack in 1975, Dudley has had to lead a very disciplined life. He walks two miles every day and when it is raining he walks in the house.

In addition to his work, church work, Dudley has served as Past Master of Amherst Masonic Lodge, Past Master of Appomattox Masonic Lodge and Past President of the Lions Club.

Dudley and his wife, Margaret, grow roses as a hobby. They have approximately 75 bushes each year and are members of the American Rose Society. They also are members of the Margaret Watson Bird Club. As "Birders" they study the habits of birds with other interested friends.

"Cooperation and teamwork have meant the most to me," said Dudley, "my work has been a pleasure. I have had such fine teamwork. The local ag teachers are a most cooperative group. The school officials have made my work easier."

In speaking of his years in working with youth Dudley siad, "I believe in youth. I think we have the most intelligent, dedicated youth who are sensitive to human needs. They get better each year."

Margaret and William Dudley are the parents of one son, W. C. Dudley III and one grandson, W. C. Dudley, IV.

Fuel-program applications start

The Virginia Department of Welfare said this week that applications for the $34.3 million fuel program will be taken by local departments of welfare/social services beginning December 1.

Anyone wishing information about the program before that date can call the Virginia Department of Welfare, toll-free, at 1-800-552-3431 during normal business hours.

Under this year's program, the maximum benefit level has been set at $750 per household.

Households applying for the program will need to verify income with wage stubs, award letters if they receive social security, or income tax returns if they are self-employed or seasonal workers.

Maximum income limits will vary according to geographic locations in Virginia. Three different standards will be used: Metropolitan Washington, One person — $4,910, four persons — $12,267; Other Metropolitan Areas, one person — $4,738, four persons — $10,764; Rural Areas, one person — $4,738, four persons — $10,062.

Households will also need to verify cash resources such as savings accounts. Limits for cash resources are:

$2,000 for households with no members who are aged 60 or older or disabled

$3,000 per person over 60 or disabled with a maximum household limit of $6,000

A number of factors will be used in determining a household's fuel needs. These include the household's geographic location in Virginia, size (number of persons), total income, energy source (kerosene, fuel oil, electricity, wood, gas, or coal).

Only one application will be needed for the program this year. Once a household is determined eligible, it is provided with a notice that shows how much fuel assistance it can receive.

Additional fuel bills are submitted to the local welfare/social services agency until the total amount of the household's fuel benefit has been used.

Fuel payments will be made, in most instances, directly to the vendor. Benefits may be used only for fuel bills and not for the repair of a household's heating system.

Applications for the program will be processed within 30 days. In emergencies, when a household runs out of fuel or receives a cut off notice, applications will be processed within two working days.

The fuel program will end April 30, 1981, or earlier if all funds are exhausted.

FFA youths honored

The Appomattox Senior Chapter of Future Farmers of America was honored as the recipient of the National Silver Emblem in the FFA Chapter Contest.

Roger Walton, chapter vice-president and Convention Delegate, accepted the award on behalf of the chapter at the annual FFA Convention held recently at Kansas City.

The award represents recognition for the local chapter members for their work in all phases of FFA work in the school and community. This year's honor marks the eighteenth consecutive year that the local chapter has been rated as either a silver or gold emblem chapter.

Also attending the National Convention were Vince McElroy, Scott Elliott and Nathan Smith. McElroy and Elliott received their trip as a result of placing first in the annual State FFA Tractor Troubleshooting Contest this year. Nathan Smith was the recipient of the FFA's American Farmer Degree, the highest degree of membership that any FFA member may attain. This award is based upon Smith's work in FFA and his occupational experience program during high school and since graduation.

While in Kansas City the convention attendants were honored guests of the city. In addition to a convention featuring nationally known celebrities, FFA members attended the American Royal Rodeo, the FFA Career Show and had opportunities to take tours of several agricultural businesses in the Kansas City area.

WOW slates annual dinner

The Woodmen of the World Camp 71 and Grove 6073 will have its Annual Christmas dinner on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the WOW hall.

All ladies are asked to bring their favorite dessert.

Salaries on agenda

The Appomattox County School Board will meet Monday morning, Dec. 11, at 7:30 a.m. in the school board office, according to Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools.

The Appomattox County Education Association will appear before the board with a salary proposal for the 1981-82 school session at the meeting.

Shealy to speak here tonight

Dal Shealy, head football coach at the University of Richmond, will be guest speaker at the annual Lions Club football banquet this Thursday night.

The banquet, at which members of the Appomattox County High School football team will be honored, is scheduled to begin at 6:45 p.m. at the John Mosby Inn Restaurant on Route 460.

Funds hearing slated

Federal funds for Special Education Services are being made available to Appomattox County Public Schools for the 1981-82 session.

Application for these funds will be completed following a public hearing to be held on December 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the School Board Annex.

Information about the project application may be secured from the School Board Office. Comments from the public may be made in writing prior to the hearing by those persons who are unable to attend the meeting.

The revised Six-Year Special Education Plan will, also, be submitted to the State Department of Education by the Appomattox Public Schools following final approval by the School Board.

Copies of the plan and application will be available for review after December 9 in the School Board Office.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Monday morning on Martha Street, and the first order of business was to tear off a sheet from all the calendars to reveal a new month, December. Many look upon December as the greatest. May it be your greatest and I will not throw snowballs at the weatherman so long as December stays like it started. But chances are that somewhere along the line soon, we will hear a familiar cry, "It's Snowing!" And we will start laying away food and fuel in hopes for a White Christmas.

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I was embarrassed Saturday when a Red Cardinal and later a lone sparrow came by my windowside bird feeder and found it empty. I had some smallbird seed but had neglected filling the feeder. Filled the feeder, but no customers yet. May have to run an advertisement in the public notice column. Caring for small birds in winter months is a rewarding hobby.

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Curtis Wilson, Jr., son of Capt. and Mrs. Wilson, of Appomattox, is on the staff of "The Historyland Journal," a weekly newspaper at King George, Va., near Fredericksburg. Mrs. Wilson came by to bring me a copy of the paper, Vol. 1, No. 29. Thanks and good luck.

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ACHS basketballers have five games scheduled before the Christmas holidays. William Campbell here Friday.

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Quoted . . . many years a journalist and official, Clarence Ousley, came up with these lines:

"When the South was in the glory of a never-ending June,

The strings were on the banjo and the fiddle was in tune."

I clipped the quote, as I do with mention of the South and/or banjo.

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Was in a local food store recently and met up with some thirty or forty primary school pupils on a guided tour. First Graders, seemed to me and they were very orderly, well trained and interested in seeing what a cabbage and a turnip looked like and where their mothers got all those goodies she brought home.

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The Rev. and Mrs. Millard Stimpson were in Appomattox Saturday and came by Martha Street for a short visit. The Rev. Stimpson is a former pastor of Appomattox C. H. Presbyterian Church and is now at Camp Hat Creek, near Brookneal.

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The Virginia highway death toll now is over 980 for 1980 and very likely will reach 1,000 by Jan. 1. Why?

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A recent poll of the religious affiliation of members of Congress was completed. There are 435 Representatives and 100 Senators. In the new Congress there will be 119 Catholics, 32 Jews, 71 United Methodists, 72 Episcopalians, 55 Presbyterians, 55 Baptists, 20 Lutherans and smaller affiliates of other denominations and seven listing no religious affiliation.

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I made a note to mention that it was time to put up Christmas street decorations. When I went over town the next morning, the decorations were up! Next question is will YOU have a home Christmas tree or window decorations? Friend of mine is very happy for he has tickets to the Peach Bowl football game in Atlanta. And finally, church groups are getting ready for Christmas music and programs. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

10 win in state contest

On Saturday, November 22, 1980, eight Appomattox 4-H'ers and two adults participated in the State Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool Competition held at Longwood College, Farmville, Virginia.

Participating in the Preteen (age 10-13) category were Jennifer Coleman, Valerie Guill, Martha Haley and Cheryl Wooten. Valerie placed second out of 23 contestants and Jennifer received honorable mention.

Laurie Cowan, Jane Guill and Laura Walton participated in the Junior category (ages 14-18). Jane Guill received honorable mention, Laurie Cowan placed fifth out of 18 contestants, and Laura Walton placed first. Laura will be representing the State of Virginia in the Eastern Regional Competition to be held in Cumberland Maryland on December 12 and 13.

Senior Competition (ages 17 - 24) had one participant from Appomattox County, Cheryl Walton, who placed second in this category.

Participating in the Adult Division, 24 years and over, were Mrs. Gail Thompson and Mrs. Mary Turner. Mrs. Turner placed first and Mrs. Thompson, third.

The sponsors of these contests are the Virginia Sheep Federation and the Women's Auxiliary of the National Wool Growers Association. Prizes are contributed by national, state and local donors. The State Director is Mrs. Anna B. Elcan, retired Extension Agent from Campbell County.

Congratulations to each of the 10 participants in Appomattox County.

LOCAL WINNERS in the state "Make It Yourself" wool contest modeling their winning outfits are (front row, from left) Mary Turner, Cheryl Wooten, Valerie Guill, Gail Thompson; (back row, from left) Jennifer Coleman, Laura Walton, Jane Guill, Laurie Cowan, Cheryl Walton and Martha Haley (Photo by Allen Austin).